

Martha's Vineyard Commission 2005 Annual Report



Review of the activities of the Martha's Vineyard Commission
From January 1 to December 31, 2005

The Martha's Vineyard Commission is the Regional Planning Agency for Duke's County, Massachusetts, comprising the six towns on Martha's Vineyard – Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury – as well as the Town of Gosnold on the Elizabeth Islands. The MVC is not only a planning body but, on the Vineyard, it has regulatory authority to establish Districts of Critical Planning Concern and to review Developments of Regional Impact.



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Note: This annual report refers to many studies, reports, and other documents published by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. All these documents can be easily downloaded from the Commission's website – www.mvcommission.org – or can be obtained, generally free, from the Commission offices. Most are also deposited in Vineyard libraries. The website also has a calendar of past and upcoming meetings with links to supporting documents (e.g. staff reports and application documents for upcoming DRI hearings) and minutes of the meetings.

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1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



As the Island's regional planning agency, the Martha's Vineyard Commission began several initiatives to do more proactive planning, in addition to continuing to fulfill its mandate to regulate developments of Island-wide importance.

The year 2005 was marked by the beginning of an Island-wide, community-based planning effort, which the Commission will coordinate over the next few years. The goal of the Comprehensive Island Plan is for the community to renew its vision for the future . . . to figure out where we are, where we want to go, and how we want to go there. The Plan will seek to answer questions such as: What is the best way to manage growth on

Martha's Vineyard so that we preserve the Island's unique environment and character? How can we provide housing opportunities for all income groups? How can we protect the water quality of our coastal ponds? How can we preserve critical habitat and important vistas? How can we develop a more sustainable economy? How can we find ways for people to get where they want to go, while minimizing traffic congestion? The Plan will set out the strategy for achieving this vision by outlining possible programs, regulations, and other actions that could be carried out by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, by the towns, and by other entities. The Martha's Vineyard Commission will adopt the plan as the official regional plan. In October the Commission announced the formation of the Steering Committee that will oversee the preparation of the plan, made up of 20 Vineyarders from all walks of life, all towns, and representing a wide range of interests including various town boards, non-profit organizations, and individual citizens.

Related to this planning effort, the Commission continued its popular series of public forums dealing with a variety of topics: sustainable energy, native versus exotic planting, affordable housing, smart growth, and traffic. These well-attended events were broadcast on MVTV and well covered in the newspapers. In addition, the Commission coordinates regular meetings of all Island Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, public and private non-profit affordable housing groups, and GIS users, promoting the exchange of issues and ideas across town boundaries and providing informational opportunities with the use of guest speakers. The Commission also hosts several courses and information sessions on a variety of topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and to members of the general public.

With respect to transportation planning, the Commission facilitates the Joint Transportation Committee, which meets monthly to coordinate transportation efforts on the Island and to schedule Transportation Improvement Projects, funded by MassHighway. Last year, the JTC began working on a triennial update of the Island's Regional Transportation Plan and set up a subcommittee to work on a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. West Tisbury's representative on the Committee is Al DeVito.

Also in transportation, the Commission continued to support the work of the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, set up at the request of the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury to represent the Vineyard community with respect to MassHighway's proposal to replace the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge. The Commission completed its traffic analysis of Tisbury Planning Board's proposal to restructure the road network between Upper State Road and the Park-and-Ride, and it carried out an origin-destination study and extensive traffic counts at various locations in Edgartown. The Commission also conducted traffic counts throughout the Island.

The Commission continues to carry out extensive water testing of Island coastal ponds with a view to having ponds qualify for inclusion in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project which will carry out detailed modeling of ponds to indicate how extensive water quality problems are, and how effective various possible improvement measures would be. The Commission is an active participant of the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance and is working on a background document and presentation that will be used in 2006 to help increase public awareness of water quality issues.

In other areas, the Commission coordinated efforts to promote locally grown agricultural and aquacultural products including a well-attended Business-to-Business workshop sponsored by the MVC and South Eastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership.

In addition to its planning work, the Commission continues to invest considerable time and effort in its regulatory reviews of Developments of Regional Impact. This review generally results in considerable improvements to projects to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts on the Vineyard. In order to make it easier for applicants and the public to understand how the MVC reviews proposals, the Commission has begun to prepare a series of DRI guidelines on various topics. The first guideline, on open space preservation, was adopted in draft form in 2005 and will be finalized early in 2006.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Community Development covers a range of planning activities that are broad in scope, usually involving two or more of the other activities cited elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Island Plan

Many of the Commission's activities were influenced by or contributed to the upcoming multi-year planning effort to produce a new comprehensive plan for the Island.

- In the spring and summer – through news media, newsletters and sign up sheets at all of its public functions and forums – the Commission asked people to indicate their suggestions for the plan to

address. People were also asked whether they were interested in participating in an ongoing way.

- In the fall, the Commission created a Steering Committee of twenty citizens to oversee the planning process. It is made up of a broad range of individual perspectives from across the Island. The committee met three times before year's end, hearing from people involved with the preparation of the previous plan in 1990 and discussing various processes to involve the public in this planning effort. Committee representatives also had an initial meeting with each board of selectmen to learn of town suggestions for the plan.

Forums

The Commission presented a second consecutive year of Martha's Vineyard community Forums, intended to inform the public and promote discussion about planning issues facing the Vineyard community. As with the 2004 forum series, these sessions were videotaped for telecast on MVTV and proceedings of each forum are available at the town libraries. The five forums held in 2005 were:

- April 2– *Planting the Vineyard Way*, in conjunction with Sustainability Day
- May 7 – *An Energy Plan for the Island*, in conjunction with Energy Day
- June 22 – *Living And Working In Paradise: How Can We Make Housing Affordable?*
- July 20 – *Paradise Lost? Are We Loving the Vineyard to Death?*
- August 24 – *Gridlock in Paradise: What Can We Do About Traffic?*

Energy Planning

While not taking a position of the project, in March the Commission formally asked the Army Corps of Engineers to postpone permitting action on Cape Wind's proposal to build a 130-turbine wind farm in the middle of Nantucket Sound until the federal government has adopted an Ocean Policy that allows for consideration of such proposals within a comprehensive planning and regulatory framework.

In May the Commission co-sponsored with the Vineyard Energy Project the presentation of a 10-Year Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Action Plan prepared for the Vineyard Energy Project. One of the plan's recommendations – to which it agreed – is for the Commission to explore the possibility of using a District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) to advance energy efficiency.

Emergency Planning

Commission successfully obtained a \$30,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Vineyard and Gosnold. The Commission obtained the endorsements of the town boards of selectmen to work closely with town emergency managers who will provide guidance and review draft documents before being submitted to the towns and FEMA for approval. The existence of a county-wide plan will improve the towns' chances of receiving future federal disaster prevention grants.

Sustainability Indicators

In 2005, *Martha's Vineyard Indicators Project: Measures of Sustainability* was released, presenting a broad set of proposed measures to help gauge the natural, economic, social vitality and individual well-being of Martha's Vineyard and its inhabitants. Indicators are used in other communities to affect behavior adjustment by providing reliable, quantifiable information on where the community is as it progresses towards its long term goals. Indicators illustrate the interconnection of issues and stimulate the community to think more broadly in its decision-making. The indicators originated from many hours of community input from several dozen people between 2001 and 2003.

Visual Preference Survey

During the summer of 2005, the MVC carried out a Visual Preference Survey to help identify which components of an environment contribute positively or negatively to a community's overall image or features. A first series of photos was taken by a cross-section of 20 Vineyarders using disposable cameras to take photos of locations in response to a series of questions. Then, several hundred Vineyarders chose from representative sample of the phase-one responses, and also responded to a second block of photos was added by MVC staff to focus in on specific issues. The results will be used in a variety of situations to facilitate discussions about how to preserve and promote the positive features of the Vineyard, and to improve or avoid the negative ones.

High School Area Planning

MVC staff began working with the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen, the Oak Bluffs Planning Board, and the Land Use Committee of the Regional District on an overall plan of the area around the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. An informal committee has been set up that also includes representatives from the various institutions including the Arena, Community Services, the YMCA, the Resident Homesite Committee, and the Land Bank. Sub-committees have been set up to look at a site plan that optimizes vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian circulation, and at the possibility of putting in place a district approach to wastewater treatment.

All-Island Planning Boards Sessions

The MVC continued to facilitate regular meetings of members of planning boards from the six Island towns. These meetings provide opportunities for boards to share with one another their respective challenges and solutions and promote the discussion of multi-town issues and potential approaches. The Commission also benefits from these sessions by gaining better understanding of town planning issues and by “bouncing off” from the group planning ideas.

The Commission hosted two training sessions in the fall from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative so people would not be required to travel off-Island: Site Plan Review and Planning With Community Support. More than a dozen people attended each of these sessions – mostly from planning boards or zoning boards of appeals.

3. WATER RESOURCES



Water, one of the Island's most important resources, knows no borders. As the regional planning agency for Dukes County, the Martha's Vineyard Commission carries out several substantial projects in order to better understand the state of these resources and to assist towns and other organizations in managing them in the future. The aim is to ensure that we will always have a plentiful supply of water to drink and to support water-dependent economic and recreational activities.

Blue Pages

The Water Resource Planner assisted in the preparation of the Island Blue Pages, a guide to protecting our water resources. The preparation of this document resulted from a collaborative effort of representatives from 16 non-profit agencies and Town Boards. Over 20,000 copies of this guide were printed and distributed to libraries, real estate brokers and to the mailboxes of all Vineyarders.

Water Quality Data on the Internet

MVC Staff created a web-based summary of the 2003 water quality data collected under a Department of Environmental Protection 604(b) grant. The data is presented in a graphical form with an interpretative text at the Commission's website (mvcommission.org). The data from a 2004 grant is being readied for addition to the website. We expect that information to be available in late January 2006.

Coastal Ponds Data Collection

The MVC water resource focus continues to be on understanding the water quality in our coastal ponds through acquiring large amounts of data. The MVC received a 2005 grant from DEP under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act to collect and analyze water samples from James Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay, Oyster Pond, Cape Poge Pond, Pocha Pond, Farm Pond and Tashmoo Pond. Water samples were also collected from Tisbury Great Pond and Chilmark Pond. MVC also collected water samples from Crystal Lake, Fresh Pond, Upper lagoon Pond, Jernegan's Pond, Upper Tashmoo Pond, Mill Pond, Priestester's Pond and Seth's Pond. During 2005, we estimate that over 230 water samples were collected and analyzed for 6 to 8 water quality indicators. In addition to being the basis for the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, this data is useful in assessing the resource quality of these ponds today and in identifying trends in system quality in the future. Only by understanding these systems can we hope to make appropriate management decisions that will assure the sustainability of the resources.

Eelgrass

The MVC partnered with the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Shellfish Departments to continue our efforts to reestablish eelgrass in Sengekontacket Pond by collecting seed from Trapp's Pond and seeding it at eight stations in the Sengekontacket.

Mass Estuaries Projects

The MVC Water Resource Planner coordinates the Island activities of the University of Massachusetts School of Marine Science as part of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project an ambitious program aimed at assessing the water quality conditions in 87 coastal ponds in southeastern Massachusetts. At this point, Edgartown Great Pond, Tisbury Great Pond, Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket Pond are in the program. This year, the conclusion of a three-year water-sampling program in Menemsha, Squibnocket, Tashmoo, Chilmark, Farm, Oak Bluffs Harbor, Cape Pogue and Pocha ponds saw these ponds qualified to enter the Massachusetts Estuaries Project.

Grants

Grant proposals were prepared for funding in 2006 under the Department of Environmental Protection 604(b) grant program, from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for water budgets, from Coastal Zone Management for stormwater remediation in Tisbury, and from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (Smart Growth Technical Assistance) for preparing a DRI policy related to water quality.

Bibliography and Background Document on Water Quality

MVC staff prepared two documents about water quality, in anticipation of the Island Plan process. A bibliography includes availability of documents, along with URLs if they are available on-line. A background document includes basic information on ground water and surface water quality, and includes assessments of existing conditions and projections as well as examples of best practices from here and from off-Island.

Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance

MVC staff participated in, and often hosted, regular meetings of the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, a loose coalition of interested parties assembled to promote water quality for the Vineyard. MVC staff worked with a subcommittee of the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance to produce an informational PowerPoint presentation, intended to introduce and highlight water quality issues on the Vineyard, particularly in advance of results of the Mass. Estuaries Project and subsequent response by the community.

4. COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND HARBOR PLANNING



The Martha's Vineyard Commission and staff are frequently called upon to provide regulatory and planning assistance to the towns regarding issues of coastal management. The Commission also initiates its own coastal management projects to investigate and protect coastal resources.

Edgartown Harbor Plan

MVC staff participated in review and comment on proposed renovations at the Navigator (Boathouse). The Edgartown Harbor Plan includes a specific parcel-by-parcel public access agenda for this and other properties on the waterfront, in order to preserve and enhance

visual and physical access to the waterfront area. The area was built up with water-dependent uses, and it is important to assert the public's rights to access.

Environmental Reviews

As the designated Regional Planning Agency for the Vineyard, the MVC is regularly invited to participate in MEPA and DEP environmental reviews of projects. In 2005, Commission staff reviewed and provided comments to MEPA and DEP for numerous projects around the Island, including the proposed Well #5 in Oak Bluffs and the proposed renovations at the Navigator (Boathouse).

All-Island Conservation Commission Sessions

The Commission coordinated the fourth season of regular gatherings of the Conservation Commissions on the Island. These sessions have been highly successful, often involving guest speakers on topics of universal concern to all the Con Comms of the Island. In 2005 sessions included guest speaker Dave Lawson on *Open Water Marsh Management*, alternative to ditches for mosquito control; and a workshop on delineation and interpretation of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Various town boards were invited to a presentation on revised NHESP regulations for priority habitat, including a large part of the Vineyard. Those sessions were taped and broadcast on MVT. The Commission also co-sponsored (with the West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Conservation Commissions) a training workshop on new DEP regulatory revisions.

5. DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

The Martha's Vineyard Commission annually reviews projects meeting certain thresholds designating them as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI). Projects are referred to the MVC by town permit-granting boards or authorities if an application triggers any of the thresholds in the DRI Checklist. There are three types of referrals. Some mandatory referrals are required to go through the public hearing process. Other mandatory referrals are "with concurrence"; the MVC must concur that the project does, in fact, have a regional impact; if not, the referral is remanded back to the town for handling. The third type is a discretionary referral which can be sent by a number of different boards and also requires the Commission to make a determination as to whether the project is a DRI or not. If work on an approved project is not begun within two years, it must come back to the MVC to request an extension. The final type of review is of approved projects that must return at a later date for approval of specific components, such as the landscape plan (often by the Land Use Planning Committee – LUPC).

In 2005, the Martha's Vineyard Commission reviewed 27 projects, of which 7 were approved with conditions; 1 was denied; 6 were remanded back to their town as Non-Concurrences; 2 were withdrawn; 2 were granted extensions; 1 had its landscape plan approved by LUPC; 1 is on hold; and 7 are still pending. Among the 19 projects begun and finished in 2005: 7 were in Tisbury; 6 were in Oak Bluffs; 4 were in West Tisbury; 1 was in Edgartown; 1 was in Chilmark; and none were in Aquinnah. Among the 7 projects received in 2005 and still pending: 3 are in Tisbury; 2 are in Oak Bluffs; 2 are in Aquinnah; and 1 is in West Tisbury.

The DRI process for a new project begins with a meeting between the applicant and staff, followed by a meeting with LUPC. These informal meetings allow the applicant to present the project, and allow staff and Commissioners to identify needed information and identify issues that may arise during the public hearing. Once LUPC has determined that the applicant is ready to proceed, a public hearing is scheduled and advertised. The public hearing is held over one or more nights, allowing for the applicant's presentation, staff reports, town input, public comment and Commissioner questions. Once the public hearing is closed, the project returns to LUPC for discussion and recommendation prior to a vote by the full Commission to approve the project, possibly adding conditions, or to deny the application. If it is approved, the town continues its review in the normal way. If it is denied, the town cannot continue its review or issue any permits.

DRI Guidelines

The MVC is preparing a series of DRI Guidelines in response to suggestions that the Commission clarify its process for reviewing Developments of Regional Impact. The aim is to provide owners and developers with a clearer picture of what the Commission is looking for before they develop extensive plans, and to provide Commissioners with standards to use in review of proposals. A draft version of the first set – "Guidelines for DRI Review: 1. Open Space Preservation" – was adopted by the Commission 2005, with the assistance of an EOE Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant. The guidelines reflect the policies that the Commission has applied to DRI applications over the past few years. Other guidelines currently being worked on deal with affordable housing, water quality, and landscaping. Work will begin on traffic/transportation guidelines after some of the guidelines in production are completed.

List of Developments of Regional Impact to the MVC in 2005

Aquinnah		
<i>DRI 589 – Red Gate Farm</i>	<i>Estate Plan on 366 acres</i>	<i>Decision scheduled 3/16/06</i>
<i>DRI 590 - Cingular Wireless</i>	<i>Antenna in Church Steeple</i>	<i>Pending - referred on Dec 28</i>
Chilmark		
<i>DRI 80-M3 Wiesner Subdivision</i>	<i>Additional lot on 28-year-old 81-acre subdivision.</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence</i>
Edgartown		
<i>DRI 584 -Cozy Hearth Subdivision</i>	<i>40B subdivision of 11 lots on 11 acres</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
Oak Bluffs		
<i>DRI 583 – ADV Realty Trust</i>	<i>Residential development on golf course</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>
<i>DRI 585 – 45 Circuit Ave</i>	<i>Demolition and Reconstruction</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>C.R. - Circuit Ave Ext. Laundromat</i>	<i>Change of Use to laundromat</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence</i>
<i>DRI 539-M Vineyard Youth Tennis</i>	<i>Expansion</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>DRI 335-M3- MV Hotel & Racquet</i>	<i>Inn expansion</i>	<i>Denied</i>
<i>DRI 4-M – Our Market</i>	<i>Addition of dormer</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence</i>
<i>DRI 587 – World Revival Church</i>	<i>Construction of new church</i>	<i>Pending – Decision 2/26/06</i>
<i>C.R. The Lookout Tavern</i>	<i>Restaurant expansion</i>	<i>Pending – C.R. 2/16/06</i>
Tisbury		
<i>DRI 504-M – The Wintertide</i>	<i>Extension request</i>	<i>2 year extension granted</i>
<i>DRI 504-M2 – Wintertide conversion</i>	<i>Renovation and conversion of 3rd to residential</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence</i>
<i>DRI 578 – Dukes County Savings Bank</i>	<i>Landscape approval by LUPC required</i>	<i>LUPC approved Landscape</i>
<i>C.R. 457 State Road</i>	<i>Reconstruction larger building on same footprint</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence</i>
<i>DRI 582 – Vineyard House</i>	<i>Construction of rehabilitation housing complex</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>C.R. 10 State Road</i>	<i>Tree clearing in arch. Significant area w/ no plan</i>	<i>Non-Concurrence (Registered)</i>
<i>DRI 557-M – 7 Beach Street</i>	<i>Demolition & Reconstruction</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>DRI 588 – 117 Beach Road</i>	<i>Demolition & Construction</i>	<i>Pending – C.R. 2/16/06</i>
<i>DRI 589 – Woodlands Business Ctr.</i>	<i>Reconstruction of Greenhouse & other renovations</i>	<i>Pending – Decision 3/06</i>
<i>DRI 322-M – Vineyard Assembly of God</i>	<i>Addition of parsonage to church</i>	<i>Pending – C.R. 2/26/06</i>
West Tisbury		
<i>DRI 462-M South Mountain Co.</i>	<i>Additions to Commercial Building</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>DRI 488 – Rutkiewicz Subdivision</i>	<i>Subdivision of Woody Bottom</i>	<i>On hold</i>
<i>C.R. – Humphrey's Nip & Tuck</i>	<i>Proposed Farm Standwich Shop</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>
<i>DRI 586 – Jim Rogers Hangar</i>	<i>Construction of Hangar at Airport</i>	<i>Approved with Conditions</i>
<i>DRI 503-M Allen Moore Farm</i>	<i>Extension request</i>	<i>1 year extension granted</i>

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Economic Development

Economic Development encompasses many regional issues affecting Dukes County such as housing, transportation, infrastructure, and the environment. Each of these play a role in the island's ability to attract and sustain businesses, an adequate workforce, year-round and seasonal residents, tourists, and impact the cultural continuity of our community. In 2005, the MVC did the following in keeping with its mandate to promote a sound local economy.

Survey - Data Collection: The Martha's Vineyard Commission initiated and carried out a series of surveys in the summer and fall of 2003 to gather information

related to transportation and economic development. In the summer of 2004, the MVC conducted a Resident Survey for year-round and seasonal residents to provide data on the average number of people staying in a home, spending, travel, and recreational habits. In 2005, the results of these extensive survey – the largest ever conducted in the Vineyard's history with about 3000 responses – were analyzed and a report was prepared on the results of both surveys (published in January 2006).

In 2005, the Martha's Vineyard Commission undertook an extensive project to compile a complete database of all Island businesses. This will help identify various characteristics of the Island's business community, will allow a comparative analysis with respect to local, state and federal information, and will allow monitoring of trends to better understand how the Island's economy is changing over time. The database will include the following information: physical location of the business, building square footage, category of industry (what kind of business), and possibly the name of each business establishment. This project will continue in 2006.

Economic and Demographic Profiles and Data: The Martha's Vineyard Commission has published updated economic and demographic profiles of Dukes County. The updated profiles include new, user-friendly analyses of demographic, economic, and housing information from various federal, state, and local resources. The profiles are on the MVC's website.

Inquiries for Economic and Demographic Data: Each year the Commission responds to close to 200 requests, mainly phone calls, for demographic and economic information. More than forty percent of the calls were business-related inquiries for economic data. Almost thirty percent were inquiries from town boards, schools, libraries, non-profits, and other island organizations. The remaining questions regarding demographic information were from members of the general public. The MVC serves as a repository for economic and demographic data for Dukes County.

Entrepreneurial Workshops : The MVC, in cooperation with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED), sponsored two free entrepreneurial workshops in April 2005.

The workshop themes were on the *Fundamentals of Starting Your Own Business* and on *The Importance of Understanding Financial Statements*. The Commission will continue to work with SEED to organize future workshops.

Island-Grown Food and Fish Products: The MVC, in cooperation with the South Eastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP), hosted a Business-to-Business Networking Session for local farmers, shellfish and finfish dealers to connect with island restaurants, chefs, caterers, retailers, and other food purchasers in May 2005. The purpose of the meeting is to promote island agricultural and aqua cultural products and to identify some of the challenges of promoting locally grown products. There were fifty-five participants representing 42 different farms, businesses, and organizations.

The MVC also has worked closely with the Island-Grown Initiative and other island organizations to promote locally grown food and fish products.

Affordable Housing

The rising cost of housing on a statewide level has posed serious challenges to state and local government to address the issue of affordable housing more aggressively, particularly as it threatens the community's ability to retain an adequate workforce. For the past five years there has been a strong grassroots effort within the Island's private and religious sectors to address affordable housing on the Vineyard. The Martha's Vineyard Commission continues to provide town boards and committees with technical assistance regarding affordable housing issues. The Commission informs the town boards of grant opportunities and other possible funding sources. This past year the Commission has been responsible for the following activities.

Joint Meetings of Island Affordable Housing Groups: Since the spring of 2004, the MVC has hosted quarterly meetings of Island affordable housing groups – from town housing committees to public and private non-profit housing groups. These joint meetings foster greater communication and working relations between these groups as well as provide an opportunity to exchange information and utilize the MVC as a resource.

Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank Legislation: The MVC supported the work of the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank Coalition by providing comment on the draft legislation to create this new source of funding for affordable (a fee on the cost of house sales over \$750,000). MVC staff joined the delegation testifying in favor of the legislation in Boston.

DRI Review of Chapter 40B Proposals: The Martha's Vineyard Commission reviewed and approved one comprehensive permit proposal during 2005, the Cozy Hearth project in Edgartown. The Commission also was involved in legal defense of the MVC's approval of two other affordable housing projects: Jenney Lane in Edgartown and Bridge Housing in Tisbury.

7. TRANSPORTATION



As the regional planning agency for Dukes County, the Martha's Vineyard Commission is responsible for the overall transportation planning of the region, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, MassHighway and the Executive Office of Transportation. The annual Unified Planning Work Program outlines the transportation planning to be carried out by the Martha's Vineyard Commission with MassHighway funding.

Joint Transportation Committee

The MVC provides support to the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) made up of appointees from each of the towns and the county commission, as well as individuals actively interested in transportation planning. Chaired by County Engineer Steve Berlucchi, the JTC meets each month at the MVC and oversees the updating of the *Regional Transportation Plan* and the development of the *Unified Planning Work Program* and the *Transportation Improvement Program* by the Commission's planners.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP is the Island's five-year allocation of federal and state transportation funds. MVC staff helps the towns apply for funding under the TIP and helps the JTC monitor upcoming projects.

Transportation Planning Support Activities

The Commission's planners continue to collect data used by many groups and individuals for defining needs, measuring trends, reviewing proposed Developments of Regional Impact and funding improvement projects.

- **Traffic counts:** Automated traffic counts were recorded throughout the year at 27 locations using new specialized equipment and computer software. Staff carried out additional monitoring of traffic movements and delays at the Blinker intersection. MVC staff also conducted extensive traffic counts in conjunction with the Edgartown Traffic Study, which also involved an origin-destination study (see below).
- **Data Collection:** Two new pieces of equipment to count bicycles and pedestrians on bike paths and trails were used in the preparation of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan.
- **Travel Demand Model:** Development of a computer model to help project traffic movement and volumes progressed with the assignment of employment figures for more than 150 sub-areas of the Island.

Trail Planning

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission contracts with the MVC on an ongoing, annual basis to assist it with the development and protection of trails across the Island. MVC staff's work on more than a

dozen trail projects involved meeting with Town officials and landowners, and preparing legal instruments for recording in the Registry of Deeds. Part of this effort involves the preparation of an Island-wide map with the MVC's GIS capabilities of the existing trails network and the many dormant trail easements that exist, waiting for additional segments to be secured before opening a trail for use.

Transportation Studies and Projects

The Commission assisted towns with several transportation studies and projects that involve areas critical to the entire Island.

- **Lagoon Pond Drawbridge:** MVC provided staff assistance to the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee; coordinating discussion of the proposal by MassHighway to replace the Drawbridge over the inlet to Lagoon Pond, inviting interested parties to roundtable discussions of how to proceed with the project in a manner consistent with local needs and desires.
- **Tisbury Waterfront Area** – At the end of 2005 began assisting Tisbury in evaluating alternative traffic improvements in the vicinity of the SSA terminal, Five Corners and downtown Vineyard Haven.
- **State Road Connector, Tisbury** – MVC staff continued assisting Tisbury in the evaluation of potential connector roads between Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road and State Road.
- **Upper Main Street Area, Edgartown** – As the first step in a study of possible traffic improvements to the Upper Main Street Area in Edgartown, the MVC staff conducted an extensive origin-destination survey of traffic at five different approaches to Edgartown's Upper Main Street on two different summer days. All of the data from the surveys were coded and entered by the end of the year. Analysis of the information will begin in early 2006 and options will be explored for physical or operational improvements to reduce congestion.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

The Joint Transportation Committee created a Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee to work with Commission staff on the preparation of a Bicycling and Pedestrian Plan for Martha's Vineyard. The goal is to make cycling and walking more viable means of getting around for both Islanders and visitors. Three summer interns surveyed schools and principals, conducted turning counts and observations, and reviewed accident data to prepare a report of their investigations and suggestions. The subcommittee identified and submitted to the JTC a list of about forty "quick" actions that – because of their simplicity and low cost – could be implemented to significantly improve pedestrian and bicycling conditions by the summer of 2006.

8. DISTRICTS OF CRITICAL PLANNING CONCERN



A District of Critical Planning Concern can be created by the MVC to protect a specific geographic area that has unique resources – ecosystems, wetlands, recreational resources, character, etc. Chapter 831 enables Towns to piggyback on the MVC's special powers to establish regulations tailored to protecting the particular area, beyond what state legislation would otherwise enable.

A DCPC can be nominated by a Town board, a group of taxpayers, or by the MVC itself. Once it has been accepted for consideration, there is a moratorium on development. If, after a Public Hearing, the Commission agrees to the proposed district, it designates it and sets guidelines. The Town then crafts its own regulations that are approved by the MVC for conformity to the guidelines

and by Town Meeting for adoption as a Town bylaw. The moratorium ends and Town boards then administer the regulations, without further MVC involvement.

There are now 24 DCPCs in effect on the Vineyard including the Island Roads District (protecting the main roads), the Coastal District (protecting most of the Vineyard's shoreline), the Special Places District, and districts protecting various ponds and harbors, the Island's North Shore, the Copeland District in Oak Bluffs, and the whole Town of Aquinnah.

Town of Aquinnah DCPC

The Town of Aquinnah proposed amendments regarding facilities for wireless communications. The Commission set up its public hearing, to be held early in 2006, to vote on conformance of the proposed amendments with the Guidelines in the MVC decision designating the District.

Public Education And Assistance

Numerous questions and queries arose regarding the existing Districts, and MVC staff provided research and assistance as needed, as well as advising potential nominators regarding possible Districts.

MVC staff prepared a PowerPoint presentation on DCPC's to present to boards or groups considering a nomination. The PowerPoint was used effectively during its first year.

9. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Martha's Vineyard Commission Geographic Information System (GIS) department focused 2005 on developing several valuable Island-wide map data layers and developing a website to disseminate map data to the towns and residents of Dukes County. GIS was also utilized within many of the MVC's planning projects for spatial analysis. GIS services were provided to local municipalities and boards, non-profit organizations, and for state and federally funded projects.

Vineyard Interactive Map Website

The MVC's GIS department has realized a need for town employees and Island residents to access basic map data. Therefore, the MVC decided to develop an interactive mapping website that would permit anyone with an Internet connection to view various GIS map data layers from the MVC's extensive GIS data inventory, and to conduct basic map searches. For example, the Vineyard Interactive Map website permits the simultaneous display of parcel boundaries, watershed boundaries, and zoning. Additionally, a search can be done to find all parcels of a certain size (i.e. greater than 3 acres). This website was released for town employee use in December of 2005. In 2005, The MVC completed a demonstration of the website at one of the towns' town halls and will conduct demonstrations in the others, in early 2006.

Island-Wide Open Space Map Data Layer

Working with the Island's Conservation Partnership and town Conservation Commissions, the MVC assembled a GIS map layer containing all conserved and open space parcels on the Vineyard. A draft version of the map layer was sent to the Towns for review in July 2005 and the final version of the Island-wide open space map layer will be released in early 2006. This map layer provides information pertaining to whether or not a property is owned in Fee or only having a CR or APR; level of public access; reason for being conserved; etc.

Island-Wide Trails Map Data Layer

The MVC teamed with the Vineyard Conservation Society to develop an Island-wide trails map layer. A volunteer associated with VCS hiked the trail network on the Island with the MVC's GPS unit and then the MVC processed the data. The trail data was attributed with such information as trail name, blaze color, and a property ID.

Pictometry

In 2004, MassHighway assigned the state's Regional Planning Agencies the responsibility of distributing the Pictometry images and software to the Towns within their region. Pictometry is oblique aerial photography of the towns that is linked to assessor databases and from which distances and areas can be measured. It has the potential for transforming the way towns conduct their work in many different functions. In 2005, the MVC provided software installation and demonstration at Aquinnah Town Hall, Police Department and Fire Department. The Pictometry software was also installed at the Chilmark Police station, Edgartown Town Hall, Oak Bluffs Town Hall and Highway Department Office in 2005.

11. ASSISTANCE TO TOWNS



This section highlights some of the main examples of specific planning or technical assistance in each town.

Aquinnah

WATER RESOURCES

- MVC Staff participate in the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- Red Gate Farm Estate Plan – pending at end of year
- Cingular – pending at end of year.

WATER RESOURCES

- The Water Resource Planner conducted water quality sampling in Tisbury Great Pond (funded by the Riparian Owners Association) and from Chilmark Pond funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 46 samples were collected and sent to the lab for analyses of water quality indicators. Water samples were also collected from Green Pond near the Home Port restaurant to assess the water quality in this small freshwater pond.
- The Water Resource Planner coordinated the Massachusetts Estuaries Project start up survey work in Tisbury Great Pond. In August, approximately 24 sediment cores were collected to measure and evaluate the release of nutrients from the sediment into the pond water. Remote recording meters were set out at five locations in September to measure dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity and chlorophyll content at 1-hour intervals for 30 days. A total of 30 sediment samples were collected in November for identification of bottom dwelling organisms that indicate the quality of the system. Similar work was also completed in Chilmark Pond over the same time frame.
- The Water Resource Planner assisted the University of Massachusetts in placement of stream gauges at Mill Pond and the Tiasquam River to assess the volume of freshwater flowing to Tisbury Great Pond and the amount of nutrients carried into the Pond. Gauges were also placed at both branches of Fulling Mill Brook and at Mill Brook to assess stream flow and nutrient loading to Chilmark Pond. The gauges will be in place for about 18 months and weekly water quality samples are being collected.
- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from one observation well in Town. MVC Staff participate in the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee=

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed one Development of Regional Impact in Chilmark in 2005, the Wiesner subdivision, and it was approved.

WATER RESOURCES

- MVC staff conducted water quality sampling in Oyster Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay, Cape Poge and Pocha Pond four times during the summer funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 116 samples were collected and sent to the lab for analyses of water quality indicators.
- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from five observation wells in Town.
- With a grant from the Great Pond Foundation, the Water Resource Planner collected groundwater samples from existing wells that are sited along the flow path of the groundwater contamination from the Edgartown Treatment Plant that originated before the Plant was upgraded. Four additional wells were driven to better sample the contaminant zone and a second round of samples were collected from 10 wells. The goal of this project is to get a better understanding of the amount of nitrogen contained in the contaminant zone to assess its impact on Edgartown Great Pond.
- MVC Staff are working with the Massachusetts Estuaries Project personnel to define the boundaries of the watersheds for each of the coves of Edgartown Great Pond to calculate the nitrogen loading from development in these areas. This information will contribute to the preparation of a guidance document that will form the basis for managing the pond and its watershed to assure that the Pond is a sustainable resource.
- MVC Staff assisted the Shellfish Department with the warrant article that authorized funding the Town's share of the Mass Estuaries Project for Sengekontacket Pond. The Water Resource Planner assisted with coordination of a tidal circulation study of Sengekontacket Pond as part of the Mass Estuaries Project.
- The Water Resource Planner assisted the Shellfish Department in mapping, with the MVC's Global Positioning System, the location of sediment samples from Sengekontacket Pond as part of the dredging project proposal. Mapping of eelgrass in relation to the Eel Pond channel was also done using the GPS.
- The MVC Water Resource Planner participates in the meetings of the Friends of Sengekontacket, the Edgartown Ponds Advisory Committee and the Vineyard Golf Club Review Committee.

HARBOR PLANNING

- MVC staff participated in review and comment on proposed renovations at the Navigator (Boathouse). The Edgartown Harbor Plan includes a specific parcel-by-parcel public access agenda for this and other properties on the waterfront, in order to preserve and enhance visual and physical access to the waterfront area. The area was built up with water-dependent uses, and it is important to assert the public's rights to access.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed one Development of Regional Impact in Edgartown in 2005; one was approved, Cozy Hearth Housing.

TRANSPORTATION

- As noted above, MVC staff worked closely with Edgartown Master Plan Transportation Subcommittee to look at traffic congestion on Upper Main Street with a view to planning improvements. An origin-destination study was carried out at five locations at the entry points to the town center, in order to assess where people were coming from and going, as well as the purposes of their trips. This was supplemented with extensive automated traffic counts as well as manual observations of turning movements.
- MVC staff discussed with the Edgartown Board of Trade options for dealing with employee parking.
- MVC staff conducted traffic counts at 12th St (for the Pennywise Path affordable housing project) and the unpaved section of Meetinghouse Road.
- MVC staff worked with the Edgartown Public Works Department to seek State funding for improvements to Main Street.

Oak Bluffs

PLANNING

- MVC staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the School Committee and the YMCA to plan the area around the High School, particularly in anticipation of the construction of the new Y.
- A committee made up of MVC Commissioners and representatives of the MV Hospital worked together to see whether there were any viable alternative locations for the new hospital.

WATER RESOURCES

- MVC staff conducted water quality sampling in Farm Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, Oak Bluffs Harbor and Lagoon Pond as well as Crystal Lake, Upper Lagoon and Fresh Ponds. Staff ran a trial second-phase eelgrass-seeding project in four locations in the Oak Bluffs part of Sengekontacket Pond to test a simple method to restore eelgrass beds. The Friends of Sengekontacket funded this project.
- Staff monitored water table levels in 2 wells on a monthly basis. The Water Resource Planner assisted the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department with water sampling to assess the recently completed Lagoon Pond stormwater control system. MVC Staff assisted the Shellfish Department with the warrant article that authorized funding the Town's share of the Mass Estuaries Project in Sengekontacket Pond. The Water Resource Planner assisted with coordination of a tidal circulation study of

Sengekontacket Pond as part of the Mass Estuaries Project.

- The MVC Water Resources Planner assisted the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department with the preparation of two grant proposals to Coastal Zone Management. The first would evaluate the nitrogen isotope ratio in marine plants and animals to assess sources (acid rain, wastewater or fertilizer) of nitrogen in Sengekontacket, Lagoon and Tashmoo ponds. The second grant proposal would survey the extent of phragmites reed in Farm Pond as a first step toward improving water quality in that pond.

TRANSPORTATION

- MVC staff assisted with a Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Study on East Chop drive.
- MVC staff collected various traffic data at the "Blinker Intersection" to analyze the need for future improvements.
- MVC staff assisted with the initiating the process to obtain MassHighway funding for County Road and Lake View Ave infrastructure preservation projects.
- MVC staff collected traffic counts at various key locations in Oak Bluffs.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed eight Developments of Regional Impact Oak Bluffs in 2005; two were approved, one was withdrawn, one was denied, one was referred back to the town, and three are still pending.

WATER RESOURCES

- The MVC Water Resource Planner coordinated water quality sampling in Tashmoo and Lagoon Ponds four times during the summer partially funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 42 samples were collected and sent to the lab for analyses of water quality indicators.
- Water samples were collected from Upper Tashmoo Pond and Upper Lagoon Pond five times during June, July and August. The Wampanoag Tribal Laboratory analyzed these samples. Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from an observation well in Town.
- MVC Staff are working with the Massachusetts Estuaries Project personnel to define the boundaries of the watersheds for Tashmoo and Lagoon Ponds. The boundaries will define the type and quantity of development in the watersheds that will be the basis to calculate the nitrogen loading from development in these areas. This information will contribute to the preparation of a guidance document that will form the basis for managing the ponds and their watersheds to assure sustainable resource.
- The Water Resource Planner assisted the Department of Public Works in preparing a grant proposal for funding from Coastal

Zone Management to address a stormwater runoff problem at Grove Avenue.

TRANSPORTATION

- MVC transportation staff completed the analysis of the system of connector roads study in cooperation with the Tisbury Planning Board and the Tisbury Department of Public Reports. The MVC submitted a full report to the Town and helped prepare a presentation at a public hearing.
- MVC staff assisted the Planning Board and DPW with the design of the Post Office and Stop-and-Shop parking lots.
- MVC staff assisted with the initiation of a funding application for Pine Tree Road, Main Street infrastructure preservation projects.
- MVC staff collected traffic counts at various key locations in Tisbury.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed ten Developments of Regional Impact in Tisbury in 2005; one was granted an extension, three were approved, three were referred back to be handled by the Town, and three are still pending.

WATER RESOURCES

- MVC staff conducted water quality sampling in Tisbury Great Pond (funded by the Riparian Owners Association) and from James Pond funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 41 samples were collected and sent to the lab for analyses of water quality indicators.
- Water samples were also collected from Mill Pond, Priester's and Seth's Ponds five times during the June through August period. The Wampanoag Tribe Environmental Lab ran the analyses. A bathymetric (depth) map of Old House Pond was completed based on approximately 100 depth measurements. A water level gauge was installed and recorded the level of the pond at hourly intervals from April through October.
- MVC staff coordinated the Massachusetts Estuaries Project start up survey work in Tisbury Great Pond. In August, approximately 24 sediment cores were collected to measure and evaluate the release of nutrients from the sediment into the pond water. Remote recording meters were set out at five locations in September to measure dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity and chlorophyll content at 1-hour intervals for 30 days. A total of 30 sediment samples were collected in November for identification of bottom dwelling organisms that indicate the quality of the system.
- MVC staff assisted the University of Massachusetts in placement of stream

gauges at Mill Pond and the Tiasquam River to assess the volume of freshwater flowing to Tisbury Great Pond and the amount of nutrients carried into the Pond. The gauges will be in place for about 18 months and weekly water quality samples are being collected.

- MVC staff conducted a survey of Mill Pond to assess the extensive growth of pond weeds and identify options to reduce them.
- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from two wells in Town.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- MVC staff assisted the Town of West Tisbury to identify site suitability issues regarding the Villas of Glenn View Comprehensive Permit Project.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed three Developments of Regional Impact in West Tisbury in 2005; one was approved – an airport hangar – one was withdrawn, and one is still pending.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal 2005 was another solid year in terms of revenue and cost containment. We received continued relief with our legal expense budget with the awarding of a \$100,000 insurance reimbursement for past legal expenses. The Commission has also begun a fund-raising campaign to help fund the 3-year Comprehensive Island Plan which should hopefully bear fruit in the coming fiscal years.

The Commission had a successful grant year and was funded by grants/contracts from many State and local agencies including the Massachusetts Highway Department, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of Environmental Protection, Edey Foundation and the MV Shellfish Group.

In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Commission annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness with no findings.

Ned Orleans, Clerk/Treasurer

**Summary Financial Statements
FY2004 and 2005**

	Fiscal Year 2004	Fiscal Year 2005
Revenue		
<i>Federal, State, Contracts</i>	\$496,894	\$326,790
<i>Local Assessments</i>	\$602,023	\$676,000
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 86,870	\$49,528
Total Revenue	\$1,185,787	\$1,052,318
Expenses		
	\$1,205,543	\$857,492
Balance		
	\$ (19,756)	\$194,826

Notes on Financial Statements

- **Reserve Funds:** The Commission maintains a General Reserve Fund to cover urgent, unforeseen expenses during the course of the year. This is similar to the towns' stabilization funds and the high school's Excess and Deficiency fund. It is set at the equivalent of two months' operating expenses, approximately \$160,000. There is also a separate Building Reserve Fund for building renovations. In the past few years, the budget has included \$12,000 for building renovations and these funds were accumulated until there was enough to undertake the necessary renovations.
- **Budget Surplus:** In FY 2005, the combination of lower than budgeted legal bills and receipt of an insurance settlement that reimbursed some legal expenses, as well as better than anticipated success in obtaining grants, resulted in a positive year-end balance of \$194,826. Most of this was used to replenish the reserve fund, which had effectively been depleted as a result of legal expenses in the past few years. The remaining \$40,000 was carried forward to the FY2007 and was used to offset projected expenses in the coming year (thereby reducing the budget impact on town assessments).
- **Building Renovations:** In FY 2005, much-needed replacement of the Stone Building's front porch was finally begun and almost \$23,000 was expended. The work was completed and the balance expended in FY 2006. Note that these expenditures were not directly charged as expenses but rather increase the value of the asset represented by the building. This is reflected as a depreciation expense spread over the useful life of the asset.
- **Island Plan:** The Island Plan is a three-year special project. MVC staff has prepared a preliminary budget (see following table) that is reflected in the MVC's current budgets. The MVC had estimated that the cost would be \$120,000 in the first year and \$180,000 per year for the second and third years, which would be, funded one-third from town assessments, and two-thirds from grants and private fundraising. The Commission has committed that it will not expend any funds for this project until they had been received. The planning process has taken somewhat longer to get going than originally anticipated. The Island Plan Steering Committee is currently outlining the planning and participation process for the coming years; this might lead to some adjustments to future budgets.

Financial Statements
July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Income	
<i>Contract Income</i>	<i>326,790</i>
<i>MVC Local</i>	
<i>Aerials/Prints/Copies/Tapes/Adv</i>	<i>1,669</i>
<i>Assessments</i>	<i>676,000</i>
<i>DCPC Fees</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>DRI Fees</i>	<i>25,365</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i>2,960</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	<i>7,042</i>
<i>Salary Reimbursement - BV</i>	<i>12,492</i>
<i>Total MVC Local</i>	<i>725,528</i>
Total Income	\$1,052,318

Expenses	
<i>Advertising/Communications</i>	<i>9,785</i>
<i>Audit Expenses</i>	<i>6,950</i>
<i>Contractual</i>	<i>42,312</i>
<i>DCRS Accrual Match</i>	<i>78,596</i>
<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>9,714</i>
<i>DET</i>	<i>846</i>
<i>Dues/Subscriptions, Publications</i>	<i>8,621</i>
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>21,397</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>11,549</i>
<i>Interest Expense</i>	<i>23,566</i>
<i>Legal Fees</i>	<i>(32,767)</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>10,417</i>
<i>Other Costs</i>	<i>5,224</i>
<i>Payroll Expenses</i>	<i>603,877</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i>5,663</i>
<i>Printing</i>	<i>3,634</i>
<i>Registry Fees</i>	<i>600</i>
<i>Rent</i>	<i>683</i>
<i>Supplies</i>	<i>18,330</i>
<i>Travel/Conference</i>	<i>7,528</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>11,485</i>
Total Expenses	\$857,492
Balance	\$194,826

13. COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF 2005

Commission Members

Aquinnah Elected	Megan Ottens-Sargent
Aquinnah Appointed	Katherine Newman
Chilmark Elected	Douglas E. Sederholm, Vice-Chair
Chilmark Appointed	Chris Murphy
Edgartown Elected	James Athearn
Edgartown Elected	Christina Brown
Edgartown Appointed	Carlene Condon
Oak Bluffs Elected	Mimi Davisson
Oak Bluffs Appointed	John Breckenridge
Oak Bluffs Appointed	Deborah Pigeon
Tisbury Elected	John Best
Tisbury Appointed	Nathaniel J. Orleans, Clerk-Treasurer
West Tisbury Elected	Linda Sibley, Chair
West Tisbury Elected	Andrew Woodruff
West Tisbury Appointed	Jim Powell
County Commission Rep.	Paul A. Strauss
Governor's Alternate	Dr. Martin Crane

Staff

Executive Director	Mark London
Secretary	Susan Mercier
Affordable Housing, Economic Development	Christine Flynn
DRI Coordinator, Planner	Paul H. Foley
GIS Specialist	Chris Seidel
Coastal Planner, DCPC Coordinator	Jo-Ann Taylor
Senior Planner	William Veno
Transportation Planner	Srinivas Sattoor
Water Resources Planner	William Wilcox
Administrator	Jeffrey Wooden



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